

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1867 - HB 1951**

March 16, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes each state department and agency to elect to provide a smoking cessation program for state employees within available funds.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Should all state departments and agencies elect to provide a smoking cessation program, the cost is estimated to exceed \$3,361,400 or \$335 per participating employee. Departments and agencies will not receive additional funds to provide this service.**

Assumptions:

- It is estimated that 27 percent of the 72,300 state and higher education employees or 19,521 are smokers.
- According to a recent Behavioral Health Factor Survey, 51.4 percent of those surveyed indicated a desire to quit smoking. Assuming the same percentage, 10,034 employees would enroll in a smoking cessation program.
- According to the Department of Health, the program will consist of an 8-12 week counseling program at \$95 per participant resulting in a total cost of \$953,230 (\$95 x 10,034).
- Each participant would receive a three month supply of nicotine patches at two boxes per month at \$40 per box resulting in \$2,408,160 (\$40 x 6 boxes x 10,034).
- State departments and agencies will have to provide the program within available funds.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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